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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES "LIST OF PARLIA-
MENTARIANS IN PRISON"

1. SUMMARY. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON "PARLIAMEN-
TARIANS IN PRISON" LISTING NAMES AND GIVING DATA ON 62
FORMER LEGISLATORS IN 18 COUNTRIES "WHO HAVE BEEN
IMPRISONED, OR WHO HAVE 'DISAPPEARED'" WAS ISSUED IN
LONDON SEPTEMBER 5. LONGEST LIST IS FOR INDONESIA
(21 NAMES). ROK, PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA EACH HAVE ONE
NAME ON LIST AND SINGAPORE TWO NAMES. NEW YORK TIMES
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CARRIED NAMES AND SHORT EXPLANATION SEPTEMBER 6 EDITION.
END SUMMARY.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF AN AMNESTY INTER-
NATIONAL (AI) REPORT ON "PARLIAMENTARIANS IN PRISON" (AS
OF JULY 31, 1977) LISTING NAMES OF 62 FORMER LEGIS-
LATORS WHO REPORTEDLY "HAVE 'DISAPPEARED' WITHOUT A TRACE"

OR ARE IN PRISON. THE SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT STATES THAT THOSE NAMED HAVE ALL SERVED AS CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF NATIONAL OR PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES AND "MANY - FOR INSTANCE THOSE ARRESTED IN INDONESIA IN LATE 1965 - WERE STILL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AT THE TIME OF

THEIR ARREST." THE REPORT ASSERTS THAT AI IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO JUDGE THE MERITS OF ANY PARTICULAR PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM BUT SEEKS "TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE INCLUDED AMONG THE PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE DETAINED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN VIOLATION OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, AND TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR THEIR RELEASE." A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL'S SITUATION IS GIVEN.

3. EA COUNTRIES INCLUDE INDONESIA, WITH 21 NAMES THE LONGEST LIST, SINGAPORE, WITH TWO NAMES, THE PHILIPPINES, MALAYSIA AND SOUTH KOREA, EACH WITH ONE NAME. NONE OF THOSE NAMED IN THE "DISAPPEARED" CATEGORY WAS FROM AN EA COUNTRY. THE NEW YORK TIMES CARRIED A REPORT SEPTEMBER 6 NOTING ISSUANCE OF THE AI DOCUMENT, NAMING EACH DETAINEE, AND HIGHLIGHTING THE CASES OF THOSE HELD IN INDONESIA, A CHILEAN SOCIALIST, AND KIM DAE JUNG. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 7 A.M.

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4. THE NAMES FOLLOW:

A. INDONESIA - ARMUNANTO, ACHMAD ASTRAWINATA, DAHLIAR, DJADIWIROSUBROTO, SJAMSUL HADI KASTARI, KARTINAH KURDI, EDDY ABDURACHMAN MARTALOGAWA, OEI TJU TAT, FERDINAND RUNTURAMBI, UMIHARTI SARDJONO, SETIADI REKSOPRODJO, RICHARD PAINGOT SITUMEANG, ABDULLAH SOMAD, SUBANDRIO, SUDOJO, SUHARDI WARSO SAMPIR, ABDUL RACHMAN SUNDARI, KAREL SUPIT, S.H. SUPRAPTO, TJOO TIK TJOEN, AND GDE WINAYA.

B. MALAYSIA - CHIAN HENG KAI

C. SINGAPORE - CHIA THYE POH AND LEE TZE TONG

D. SOUTH KOREA - KIM DAE JUNG

E. PHILIPPINES - BENIGNO AQUINO

5. GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED BUT MATTER WAS NOT RPT NOT RAISED AT SEPTEMBER 6 PRESS CONFERENCE. GIST OF GUIDANCE IS THAT USG HAS SEEN AI REPORT. ALTHOUGH WE

CANNOT VOUCH FOR ALL CASES CITED, WE REMAIN DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR CONCERN KNOWN ABOUT DETENTION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OR ANY OTHERS IN THE HOPE THAT SUCH CASES WILL BE RESOLVED QUICKLY AND

WITH COMPASSION.

6. COPIES OF REPORT AND PRESS GUIDANCE WILL BE POUCHED TO ACTION ADDRESSEES. VANCE

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